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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to _____.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6, 9-13 and 24-26.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 17 August 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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DETAILED ACTION

The amendment filed on December 10, 2004 crossed in the mail that canceled claims 7, 8 and added the features in these claims to claims 1, 24 and 26. However, claims 7 and 8 along with the nonelected claims have been inadvertently allowed in the previous Office action. Therefore, the following Office action will be replacing the previous Office action to reflect those changes.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-6, 9-13 and 24-26 are allowed.

Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Claims 1-6, 9-13 and 24-26 are allowed because there is no prior art of record that either teaches or suggests an optical compensatory sheet having a transparent support and the following specific features recited in claims 1, 24 and 26:

An optically anisotropic layer formed from discotic liquid crystal molecules aligned in an average inclined angle of less than 5 degrees, and a second optically anisotropic layer formed from rod-like liquid crystal molecules, wherein the alignments of the discotic and rod-like liquid crystal molecules are fixed.

Conclusion

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 14-23 drawn to a non-elected species of the invention without traverse. Accordingly, claims 14-23 have been cancelled.


Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Julie-Huyen L. Ngo whose telephone number is (571) 272-2295. The Examiner can normally be reached on T-Friday.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's Supervisor, Mr. Robert H. Kim can be reached at (571) 272-2293.

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